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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; GROVER STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOVE, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; BATES & HENDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILLS, 101, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 150 Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMADEUS PRINCE, 35, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and America.—Porter generally.—BELL & REILLY, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARIES' CO., Colombo.

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CHINA.—MACAO, A. A. DA CRUZ, Amoy, N. MOULIN, Fochon, HINDE & CO., SHAWN LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposit is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. GILLIES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHANG,
CHAN KIN SHAN, Esq. E.S.
C. J. HIRST, Esq. W. WOTTON, Esq.
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.
Geo. W. F. PLATTAIL.

Advisory Committee in London,
THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq., Messrs Dent,
PALMER & CO.

JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs John Buttery
& Co.

C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M.P. for
Hallam.

Geo. MUNDO, Manager.

BANKS.—LONDON.—THE ALLIANCE BANK, LTD.

SCOTLAND.—THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF
SCOTLAND.

Shanghai—Advisory Committee—
His Excel. HSU FU LIN KWAN KING,
Yuen, Esq.
MA KIAI TONGHO, CHU MING YANG,
Esq.
TONG KWEI SUNG, Esq.
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Army J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Yokohama—D. FRATER, Manager.

Current Accounts opened. Money
laid out on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made
on securities of goods in neutral godowns.
Neutral Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months, Fixed 2%
per cent. 2 do. do. 4%
do. 6 do. do. 3%
Current Accounts 2%.

For rates of Interest for other periods
apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, February 17, 1892. 22

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 6,300,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.
PROFITS.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
S. C. MICHAELBORN, Esq.—Chairman.

L. POKORNICK, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

T. E. Davies, Esq. Alex. McConachie.

C. J. Holiday, Esq. Esq.

H. Hopkins, Esq. J. S. Moses, Esq.

Hon. J. K. KAWICK, D. H. Samson, Esq.

Chief Manager—
Hongkong—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 5
per cent. per annum on the daily balance
up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.

12 " 4 " up to \$200,000.

12 " 4 " on sums
in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST CHARGED.

6% on LOANS against Shares with full
margin.

6% on Advances against Goods in neutral
godowns.

7% on Current Account Overdraft.

7% on Advances against Goods in private
godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 27, 1892. 1071

BOOKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office—40, Threadneedle Street.

West End Office—25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit,
Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange,
Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for
Collection, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be
had on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1362

Intimations.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
GENERAL MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Registered Offices of
the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on THURSDAY, the 24th Inst.,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Governing Director, with a
Statement of Accounts for the year 1891.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 24th
both days inclusive.

Hongkong, March 16, 1892. 510

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held
at the Company's Office, Priva's Central,
MONDAY, the 21st March, at Three
o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the General Man-
agers, and electing a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st
March, both days inclusive.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1892. 418

NOTICE.

IMMEDIATELY after the above Meeting
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held
to consider the question of the
FORFEITURE of CERTAIN SHARES in the
Company at present standing in the name
of the late General Managers.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

Hongkong, March 9, 1892. 472

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES
for GENTLEMEN TENANT-HOLDERS,
at Bowloom, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1388

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held on MONDAY, the 25th March, at the
Company's OFFICES, at 12 Noon, when
the abovementioned Resolution, which was passed
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 12th March, 1892,
will be submitted for Confirmation as a
Special Resolution.

That the following Article shall be inserted
in the Articles of Association of the
Company after Article 21 and shall be
numbered Article 21A.

21A.—The Company may from time to
time, by Special Resolution reduce its
Capital by paying off Capital or cancelling
Capital which has been let, or
is unrepresented by available assets, or
reducing the liability on the shares, or
otherwise as may seem expedient, and
Capital may be paid off upon the foot-
ing that it may be called up again or
otherwise.

Dated 12th March, 1892.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1892. 497

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 9089.—MARCH 17, 1892.]

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR.
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS; ALEXANDRIA,
MARSAILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1892, at noon, the Company's
S.S. *OXUS*, Commandant CHASSEUR,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ad-
mitted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 22nd March, 1892. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quested.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 9, 1892. 471

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Tuesday, March 23, 1892.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA*
will be despatched for SAN FRAN-
CISCO via YOKOHAMA, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 23rd March, at 1 p.m., taking
Passengers and Freight for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash., Portland, Ore., San Fran-
cisco, Banff, Calgary Alts., Winnipeg, Man., Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth Minn., Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo., Milwaukee, Wis., Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O., London, London, Toronto, Ont., Buffalo, N. Y., Niagara Falls, N. Y., Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que., New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N. Y., Baltimore, Md., Philadel-
phia, Pittsburgh, Pa., Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., Portland Me., Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., Liverpool, and London, Eng., Liverpool, and London, Eng., Paris via Liverpool and London, 314 405 543

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail,
and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steer-
ers Fares and Rates to other places, quoted
on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and
embark Passengers.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid
return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted
to missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
and to officers in service of China or
Japan, and to Government officials and
to Canadian and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United
States Points should be in quadruplicate;
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant
General Freight and Passenger Agent,
Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Van-
couver, B.C.

PARCELS must be sent to the Company's
office with address marked in full by 3 p.m.
on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to Pa-
namic and Freight, apply to

E. HOLLOWAY,
General Agent,
OFFICE: *Pedder's Street*.
Hongkong, March 1, 1892. 417

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND
CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.

SO DAY
CONTINUED
TICKET.

TICKETS.

Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb., 265.00
St. Louis, 292.00 291.50

St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, 292.00

Chicago, Ill., 297.50 295.00

Milwaukee, Wis., 290.50 295.00

Cincinnati, Ohio, 302.50 310.50

Columbus, Ohio, 304.25 304.00

Detroit, Mich., 304.95 302.75

Cleveland, Ohio, 306.05 305.00

Toronto, Canada, 309.95 307.45

Pittsburg, Penn., 310.25 307.00

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Buf-
falo, N. Y., 310.00 308.50

Washington, D. C., Balti-
more, Md., 317.00 311.75

Montreal, Canada, 319.75 318.00

Philadelphia, Penn., 319.75 312.50

New York, 319.75 315.00

Boston, Mass., 312.15 317.00

Portland, Maine, 327.25 317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican
Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China or
Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding Overland, by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific
or Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class—Prepaid
return ticket to San Francisco will be
issued at following rates:—

4 months \$337.50

12 months \$338.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10% from Return
Fare. This allowance does not apply to
through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Central Cities of the United States, via
Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad,
and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico,
Central and South America, by the Com-
pany's and connecting Steamers.

Fright will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Complaints to accompany cargo
destined to San Francisco, San Francisco
in the United States, should be sent to the
Complaints' Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 72 Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BURRN,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 3, 1892. 264

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

John Weller, German barque, Capt. G.
Schmidauer—Siemsen & Co.

W. H. Smith, American ship, Capt. R.
Brown—Barclay, Matheson & Co.

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of Japan Tuesday, March 23.

Empress of China Tuesday, April 20.

Empress of India Tuesday, May 17.

THE R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN,

Lieut. G. A. Lee, R. N.R., Comman-
dant, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the

29th March, 1892, with Her Majesty's Mails,

will proceed to VANCOUVER and SHANG-

HAI INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKO-

HAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

(In Mexican Dollars.)

FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO

One Way
Proposed
Return
Fees.

24-12
Miles

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A New System of Handcapping.—At a recent meeting in England the following system of handcapping was adopted, with good results. Three separate handcappers were appointed who drew lots independently of each other. These three handicaps were then posted; and the one which scored the largest number of acceptances was selected by the Stewards.

The Asahi Shinbun says that it is contemplated to build at the Chicago Exhibition a model to be composed of the history, ancient and modern, of those nations with which America has had intercourse. It is said that Japanese tempo and Chinese old-fashioned coins will form the foundation of the structure, and that the ancient gold and silver coins of Japan are all to be incorporated into the building. Dr. Whitney is reported to be engaged in collecting the required specimens.

From a table in the American Engineering and Mining Journal, showing the ratio of silver to gold each year since 1887, it appears that the proportion of 15 silver to 1 gold remained fairly steady until 1882, when over 16 was the figure; then, owing to nearly 13 the next three years, from 1879 to 1884, the ratio until 1889 the same came to 20, 21, 22, until in 1890 the remaining 15, 22, 23 were reached. For 1890 the figures were 19, 25, and for 1891 we get 20, 22.

Last year 13 Chinese arrived in New Zealand and 169 left that Colony. In 1881, the year restrictive legislation on the immigration of Chinese was passed, there were 1029 arrivals and 371 departures. The total number of Chinese in the Colony at the recent census was 4239, as against 5004 in 1881. The amount of the poll-tax is £100 per head. Chinese landing is prohibited from engaging in mining without express authority from the Minister of Mines, and are not permitted to become naturalized subjects.

RARELY has a first book been so successful as Lord Rosebery's "Pitt," in the "Twelve English Statesmen Series." So great was the demand for the book that it established a ringing-up. It was unmitigatedly resolved to wind up the Company, the present opportunity being a favorable one, stock being low, but of good quality and the debts of favourable value. Sixty per cent. is mentioned as the probable winding up dividend. It is considered more than likely that the business will be taken up by private individuals, who will perhaps be better for the general public—and for the promoters.

The Japan Mail says:—The assassination of Maes Hosokawa Hayano, local Secretary of the Hata District in Kochi Prefecture, who met his death at the hands of Jiu-ji paricans on the 15th of last month, is the result of the general election. It is described as a most brutal murder. The unfortunate man's body was hacked almost to pieces, and had to be tied together for purposes of removal. All the intelligence is in Kochi goes to confirm our original statement that the birth-place of Japanese radicalism, the cradle of so-called liberty, is conspicuous for the unfitness of its inhabitants to enjoy the privileges they claim for.

At a recent meeting of the Masters and Mates' Association of the Straits, Mr. Nathan having read to the meeting the account of the heroic conduct of Mr. Heriotz in saving life from the wreck of the Maris near Chefoo, the members expressed their high admiration of his bravery and unanimously resolved to communicate with the Associations in Shanghai and Hongkong with a view to making proper representations in the right quarter that the noble courage of Mr. Heriotz might be suitably rewarded. Although Mr. Heriotz was not an Englishman he was a marine officer, and such decided done in the service of mariners should meet with the strongest approbation of associations of mariners.

The Indian Star, in order to obtain subscribers, offers the following inducements:—It will be printed on every Friday in a month with a good extra containing 4 pages. The paper above referred to is a good one, and is well received by the public.

Mr. E. Jones Hughes presided, and the Vice-President, Mr. Charles C. Hartley, Acting Colonial Secretary, Principal Factor of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and America, curiosities of Telegraph correspondence, and fool-scavengers of valuable and long-headed Professors of distant Countries. If remittance Rec. 1-8-4 was paid within 10th March, the subscriber will receive a good prize and 1892 paper with post paid. Presents—Ready money, different sorts of ornaments, Cloches, Shawls, Towels, Valuable Books, Watches, different sorts of Time Pieces and some good articles. This paper articles costing from 8 annas to 500 Rupees will be given to subscribers on the 6th March, 1892.

A CHINESE native paper informs us, the *Singapore Free Press*, that the Colony has recently harboured a sort of Celestial Socialist leader, whose previous record shows him to be more sinister than amiable again. The paragraph runs:—A military student of the Sung-ting district, Kuan-tung, was outlawed many years ago for robbery, murder, and other crimes, and his name was set on his hand. He escaped to the Sinpoo Settlements, where he lay concealed. Last autumn he secretly returned, but the news became known and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Knowing what the consequences would be if he were captured, he took himself to the mountain, known as Tepejahan, after fire attaching to himself several hundred feet and desperate characters. Two flags, one red and one white, were raised by him as standards of revolt. On the red flag were written the characters "Reduce taxes for the benefit of the poor and on the white flag the characters "Gathering all brave men." "Rajah" was his title. He had a band of 1000 men and provisions were obtained by force from the villagers, who in terror began to flee to other localities. The magistrate of Sungting, not having many soldiers at his command, dared not attack the insurgents, but is concentrating all his available forces for the defence of the city. The high authorities, on receipt of intelligence of the rising, despatched troops by forced marches to the scene of the disturbance.

The new *Puane Judge* for Penang, to replace Mr. Fullerton, will, no doubt, a minor in Penang, be a gentleman, unnamed, who is the son-in-law of the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen.

PAHANG.—Mr. J. P. Rodger, the British Resident of Pahang, who arrived at Singapore on the 8th inst., told a representative of the Straits Times that the Malay rumours of an alleged renewed outbreak in the Jellicoe district are totally without foundation. He said that the whole trouble was at an end, and the whole situation is rather a difficult task.

Mr. Phillipps.—Claim re ancient lights and plans for same, \$5250?—that is a very large amount; can you say how it came to be so? Was it referred to arbitration, or in what manner did the Directors come to an understanding as regards the amount they were to pay? \$500 seems to be a large amount for a few windows.

Mr. Cox.—There are three floors all alone there.

Mr. Phillipps.—Yes; well I consider this is very large sum. What did you refer to arbitration?—The large amount was due to the Directors, who were stated to have incurred considerable time and expense in the capture of the rebel Orang-pisan, who still keeps at liberty by dodging about in the jungle. The country is gradually settling down to its normal state.

A Manilla telegram of 22nd February states that Mr. W. H. Webster, of the Telegraph Department, having recently inherited forty thousand pounds, is about to proceed to England, preparatory to retirement. Another telegram, two days later, is as follows:

Mr. Webster, of the Telegraph Department, who was stated to have inherited forty thousand pounds, says the information is not quite correct, and asks that nothing further be published as regards him. He has already received eight bagging letters.

With regard to Sir Francis Fleming, says the *Singapore Free Press*, in looking at this gentleman's previous services it is remarkable that the execution of the first few years of his career he has received an annual promotion, and has held most varied appointments in all parts of the Empire; Mauritius, the Seychelles, Jamaica, Barbados, the Cape, British Guiana, Ceylon, Natal, Mauritius again, Hongkong, and now Sierra Leone. It is doubtful whether any officer of a little over 20 years' service has so varied a record as the new Governor of Sierra Leone.

Last year was not a very good one for Java, the prices being low and the crop a small one. Towards the end of the year higher prices were obtained in Amsterdam than in London, but it is a question whether this would have been so had the whole crop been put on the Amsterdam market. The attempt to sell the tea direct to the consumers in Holland has not met with much success, but further efforts are being made to do so. There is no doubt that the tea will be exclusively used in India, and the Chinese will be sent to the tea plantations, which are being broken up, because the Chinese find ways and means of making a profit which others would unwillingly resort to.

The Calcutta Mail bears that the persistent efforts which have been made during the year by the Geological Department of India, with the encouragement of the Local Government and under the personal direction of Mr. Hughes of that department, in investigating the tin resources of Tenasserim in Lower Burma, seem likely to be productive of positive results. Several parties have, it is said, come forward with offers to open up the mining and the Chamber of Commerce is reported to be now negotiating an important lease of the land, the prices being low and the crop a small one. Towards the end of the year higher prices were obtained in Amsterdam than in London, but it is a question whether this would have been so had the whole crop been put on the Amsterdam market. The attempt to sell the tea direct to the consumers in Holland has not met with much success, but further efforts are being made to do so. There is no doubt that the tea will be exclusively used in India, and the Chinese will be sent to the tea plantations, which are being broken up, because the Chinese find ways and means of making a profit which others would unwillingly resort to.

The Chairman.—Any gentleman wanting to know who the creditors are can have the information on application to the Secretary. It includes overdrafts and Directors' fees.

Mr. Phillipps.—Of course, you have heard the remarks made by the Chairman, and I think he has answered these questions I have asked in a very satisfactory manner. We are all very much indebted to him for doing so. Of course, nothing can be done to advantage until the completion of the roads, it has been arranged that the deferred share shall not count for dividend until the 1st of January next ensuing their completion.

The net profit, including a balance of \$3,243, 69 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$10,399.11, out of which I propose to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. on the Ordinary shares, to place a further sum of \$20,000 to the Equalization Fund, and to carry forward \$20,000.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. V. A. Cresar Hawkins, who is awaiting confirmation.

Mr. D. Humphreys, Governing Director.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Governing Director, for the year ending the 31st December, 1891, for presentation to the shareholders, with the Company at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, on Thursday, 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

General.—I beg to lay before you our Report and Balance Sheet for the year 1891.

As you are aware, the Company has been re-organized under a new Memorandum and Articles of Association which will greatly facilitate the working of the Company's business and increase its earning power.

The Debentures of the Company have been paid off in full.

I am pleased to inform you that money for the making of the Pahang Canal has been voted by the Government.

Mr. Phillipps.—Claim re ancient lights and plans for same, \$5250?—that is a very large amount; can you say how it came to be so? Was it referred to arbitration?—The large amount was due to the Directors, who were stated to have incurred considerable time and expense in the capture of the rebel Orang-pisan, who still keeps at liberty by dodging about in the jungle. The country is gradually settling down to its normal state.

Mr. Cox.—There are three floors all alone there.

Mr. Phillipps.—Yes; well I consider this is very large sum. What did you refer to arbitration?—The large amount was due to the Directors, who were stated to have incurred considerable time and expense in the capture of the rebel Orang-pisan, who still keeps at liberty by dodging about in the jungle. The country is gradually settling down to its normal state.

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Mr. Phillipps.—Take Royal Creditors \$10,000?—who are the creditors there?

Mr. Cox.—The largest amount is due to the Colonial Secretary with respect to the above subject, which is to be considered at the next general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Phillipps.—The Hangkong Bank?

Mr. Cox.—Yes.

The Chairman.—Any gentleman wanting to know who the creditors are can have the information on application to the Secretary. It includes overdrafts and Directors' fees.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT STATISTICS.

The following copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary with reference to the above subject, which is to be considered at the next general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, has been sent to us to put it into the possession of the Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HONGKONG, 1st Feb., 1892.

Sir.—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit to you, and before the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for their consideration, the enclosed copy of a circular despatch of the 1st of December from the Secretary of State for the Colonies covering the report of a Committee recently appointed to enquire into the compilation of Import and Export Statistics in the Colonies, together with copy of a further despatch from Lord Koutaford, dated the 10th of the same month, drawing attention to certain observations with regard to Hongkong, in the report of the Committee in question.

You are doubtless acquainted with the correspondence noted in the margin, which took place on this subject in 1887, and the result of which was that a Bill (copy of which is enclosed) for the registration of Imports and Exports was prepared and brought before the Legislative Council, but was subsequently withdrawn owing to opposition to it among the Unshias.

I enclose for facility of reference a copy of the remarks made by Sir Wm. D. Dixie on this subject.

Do you see those two junks standing for us, Sir?

"Yes" was the reply, "but they are only taking a long tack to get in the way of the wind."

"What sort of craft are they?" inquired his companion.

"They are only Macao fishing smacks going up the river."

He approached gradually, every movement being clearly visible in the bright moonlight. And when within a hundred or fifty yards of the ships without a sign of warning they opened fire. The crew of the bark, wholly unprepared for such an attack, were thrown into the utmost consternation and confusion and before they could recover from their surprise sufficiently to make the least show of resistance, the junks were alongside and the bark boned by nearly fifty men, who in a few moments had possession of the ship. As they ran on board the pirates fired several pistol shots,ounding the captain and several of his crew, one sailor who showed fight was pushed overboard; otherwise it was a bloodless capture.

The new were first made prisoners and

the Straits Settlements' Indemnity enclosed in Lord Koutaford's despatch of the 1st December, but your Committee may perhaps be able to express an opinion as to which of the two ordinances would be preferable in case any legislation were enacted on this Colony.

I am to request you to inform your Committee that His Excellency would be glad to learn what their views on this subject now are, and I am to add that there is no intention of interfering with the freedom of the Port, the only duty being to obtain a correct return of the actual trade of the British possessions.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed), W. M. GOODMAN, Acting Colonial Secretary.

E. H. Henderson, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c., &c.

Piracy in the China Seas.

THE PIRACY OF THE APENRADE.

On the afternoon of September twenty-fourth 1891, the German bark *Apenraade* received her last chop of tea in the port of Wampoa, and was preparing to set sail for Macao as the first stage in her homeward voyage. For weeks she had lain in the broad reach of the Pearl River beside this once busy and important, but now almost forsaken port of tea, waiting for the change of the monsoon that would enable her to clear the river without the aid of steam. The sultry September days passed wearily to the ship's company, who found little to interest them in the monotonous paddies fields on the North, the barren, gravelly hills on the South, or the equal streets of Bamboo Town on the point adjacent. Twelve miles up the river the towers of the City of Macao appeared and the ceaseless streams of junks and boats of all sizes and shapes, pouring in and out of that greatemporium, told of its teeming population, its varied industries, its striking wealth and strange scenes, which all were eager to see for themselves.

The last consignment of tea, brought down in the lumbering barge whose leisurely course had called for many hours, was loaded on board and the contraband, fat and sleek, was soon a passing thought.

A gang of Chinese in two fishing junks went straight toward Macao. Carrying the word to the pirates who stood on shore, the pirates performed their wonted task adding to this humiliation by rude jeers and blows. Watches, rings and other valuables belonging to the crew were demanded.

On the morning of the 25th, the pirates

had been sighted from the bark. Microscopic, they were at once seen from the deck.

Mr. Phillipps.—May I ask if Mr. Ho Tung is still on the board of Directors?

The Chairman.—He is still on leave of absence.

Mr. Phillipps.—I do not think he can be on the Board now because he will have to be re-elected. I do not think the Directors can give him leave of absence for a year.

Mr. Cox.—I am sorry to hear that.

Mr. Phillipps.—I think Mr. Ho Tung is quite as well known here and quite as good as he was.

Mr. Michael.—Would you not be better to have another Director to help you in your difficulties in the management of this large port?

Mr. Phillipps.—I would suggest that the Directors should ask somebody to join the Board of Directors. I do not think Mr. Ho Tung can be re-elected.

Mr. Cox.—He has not retired.

Mr. Phillipps.—You all retire; you are elected only for a year.

Mr. Cox.—At each meeting — for six months.

Mr. Phillipps.—You are only elected for that time and unless you are re-elected you cannot serve.

Mr. Cox.—I think Mr. Ho Tung is a very valuable man.

The Chairman.—From what I understand he is doing at home, he will be of great service when he returns to the Colony.

Mr. Phillipps.—The boat is very old and it has been gradually reduced to \$13,500 per annum.

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